

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 575

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Sue Brakebill on the occasion of her fifty years of meritorious service with the Department of Human Services.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue Brakebill is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure with the Tennessee Department of Human Services, where she currently serves as the Area Manager for Greene and Unicoi Counties, Ms. Brakebill has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue Brakebill grew up in Greene County and attended Tusculum College; in June of 1957, she accepted a position with the Department of Human Services, beginning a lifelong career marked by meritorious service and exemplary dedication; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Ms. Brakebill has worked tirelessly to serve the needs of her community in various capacities, generously volunteering her time and abundance of talent to numerous neighborhood committees and volunteer projects; and

WHEREAS, her many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Mary Sue Brakebill is fortunate to share the love and companionship of her daughter, Susan, her son-in-law, James; and three beloved granddaughters, Kaitlyn, Lauren, and Megan; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Greenville since 1968, Ms. Brakebill has faithfully served the needs of her church in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman who has been a caring friend to and a tireless advocate for so many Tennesseans throughout her remarkably long-lived and commendable career with the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue Brakebill is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mary Sue Brakebill for her honorable and astute service to Tennessee as she celebrates fifty years of service with the Department of Human Services, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to her our best wishes for her continued success and every happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.